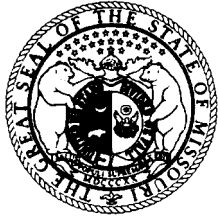


## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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#### Situation Report

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#### Winter Ice Storm

February 5, 2002 0800 hrs.

**Situation:** An intense winter storm containing snow, ice, sleet and freezing rain affected the west central and north central part of the State on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. The results of the storm were devastating to many communities. A tremendous amount of people were without power for extended periods of time due to downed trees crippling power supplies within the affected area. Shelters were opened within the affected area to provide for the victims. Power crews have worked non-stop since the onset of the storm to restore power to the affected area.

**Governor Holden** today formally asked President Bush to declare 33 Missouri counties disaster areas because of last week's ice storm that caused millions of dollars in damage and left tens of thousands of people without power in the Kansas City area. As damage information from other counties continues to be compiled, it may be necessary to add additional counties to the disaster request.

Governor Holden asked the president to declare residents of 14 counties eligible for Public Assistance. A Public Assistance Disaster Declaration will help public entities deal with the massive debris removal costs and make repairs to damaged public property. Rural electric cooperatives and other publicly owned utilities could also be eligible to recover costs associated with storm-related damages. Counties listed in the Public Assistance declaration are: Jackson, Platte, Clay, Cass, Carroll, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Bates, Howard and Linn.

Governor Holden also asked that 33 counties be declared eligible for Individual Assistance. An Individual Assistance Disaster Declaration could make low-interest U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loans available to individual citizens and businesses that suffered losses from the storm. Individual and Family Grants for citizens who qualify without homeowners insurance may also be available for some temporary housing assistance, personal property losses, or funeral expenses related to the storm.

Core counties listed in the Individual Assistance declaration are: Jackson, Platte, Clay, Cass, Carroll, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Bates, Howard, and Linn. Citizens living in the following contiguous counties are also included in the Individual Assistance disaster request: Buchanan, Clinton, Caldwell, Livingston, Grundy, Sullivan, Adair, Macon, Chariton, Shelby, Monroe, Audrain, Boone, Cooper, Morgan, Benton, Henry, St. Clair, and Vernon.

Governor Holden's request to President Bush will be submitted through the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII Office in Kansas City.

**The State Emergency Operations Center** has remained open 24/7 since Feb. 1, 2002, but will be on reduced hours beginning today, unless the situation requires the facility to remain open. We are likely revert to the 24 hour duty officer number, 573-751-2748, at 2000hrs today.

**SEMA personnel** continue to compile disaster information from other affected counties in the state for possible inclusion in the disaster request and to insure all needs are being met.

**Forty plus (40+) shelters** were initially opened on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Shelters remained opened in the affected areas for as long as the need existed. As of this report, there are fewer shelters remaining open.

**Power companies** still report approximately 54K customers without power in the metro area. Approximately 200 power crews from outside the area are assisting.

**COVOAD/MOVOAD** will meet tomorrow in the chapel of the Salvation Army Building, 1310 East 10th Street, Kansas City, MO. This is the coordinating body for all volunteer agencies to insure all unmet needs are identified and relief activities are coordinated. For more information on this meeting contact:

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**Forecast:** Weather forecast calls for partly cloudy skies today with highs near 36F with winds NNE 5 to 10 mph. Extended forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies to develop with highs in the mid 40's and lows in the 30's with winds coming out of the WSW at 10 to 15 mph.